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Snowmobilers to raise funds for Wilberforce Food Bank

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On Saturday, Feb. 17, the Pinegrove Point Campground will once again be hosting its annual Snowmobile Radar Run fundraiser for the Wilberforce Food Bank. Having taken part in the event before, campground co-owner, Gladys Stoneham is excited that they are putting on the popular fundraiser again this year. One of the things that makes the event so special, she said is that it is a family friendly event with activities for people of all ages.

Stoneham said, "It just continues to grow year after year. We are adding a silent auction this year, and we are hoping to double our contribution. This is the first time we've held that on a Saturday, but we know NASCAR is on the Sunday and there's some conflict there. We decided to hold it on the Saturday this year to hopefully pull out even more people."

As a premier snowmobiling destination in the area that drew more than 1,000 snowmobilers last year, Stoneham said Pinegrove Point Campground is the perfect location for this type of fundraiser. Those participating in this year's run can compete in three different categories: standard, modified or retro sleds. She said that during the competition contestants will have their speed measured with a radar gun to determine the winner. And everybody who participates in the race comes away with a prize. The cost to enter the Radar Run is $2 per run, or $5 for three runs. To help keep the crowd warm and content, she said guests will be able to enjoy hot chocolate, chili, soup, hamburgers and hotdogs. Deep Roots Adventures are also going to be there to give kids a chance to learn how to snowshoe. Stoneham said all proceeds raised from the event will go towards helping the Wilberforce Food Bank provide the services it offers the community.

"We like to support local causes as much as we can, and this is certainly one of the best," she said.

"Recognizing the need, I know there are 120 families dependent on that one food bank on a regular basis through the winter months. Because it's a tourist area there isn't a whole lot of employment in the winter, so there a lot of people who appreciate the support."

From his work at the Wilberforce Food Bank over the past 14 years, manager Ken Mott can attest to how many people need the food bank's support. Like most other food banks in the area he has seen the need for assistance rise in recent years. Part of the reason for the increase in need, Mott said is that more and more people are becoming aware that there is a food bank in Wilberforce. With a far-ranging territory that stretches all the way from Irondale to Cardiff, he said there are still many people who do not know there is a food bank there to support them.

Mott said he is very grateful to have the opportunity to improve the quality of life of people in his community through his work at the food bank. That morning, he said he was reminded of how rewarding the experience of helping others is while delivering firewood to an elderly couple as part of the food bank's Heat Bank initiative. This program helps people in need of assistance heat their homes, by providing them with heating oil, propane and firewood. Mott said it was through listening to the people who were using the food bank, that they realized the community also needed a Heat Bank.

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> — Gladys Stoneham

"They kind of go hand-in-hand," Mott said.

"Obviously, if somebody comes in because they don't have money for food, nine times out of 10 they don't have enough money to keep warm in the winter either. I was at a house this morning where I delivered a load of wood to a senior couple, and you could just see in their face how grateful they were. The man was 95 years old and the woman was 92 and you could tell they were very thankful to get some wood."

Mott explained how the Wilberforce Food Bank strives to serve the community wherever a need exists. For example, to help increase the public's access to locally grown, healthy and sustainable food, the Wilberforce Food Bank also takes care of several community gardens throughout Halliburton County. Because of the dynamic nature of the support they offer, Mott said fundraisers like the Radar Run are extremely important for the food bank and the community.

For more information on the Wilberforce food bank and the types of services and support it has to offer those in need visit them online at www.centralfoodnetwork.com. Registration for the Snowmobile Radar Run fundraiser will take place at 11 a.m. at the beginning of the event on Feb. 17.

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Arts council accelerates into 2018

JENN WATT
County Life Editor

In the ebb and flow of the 15-year history of the arts council, the organization is in the midst of "an incredible flow" said Jim Blake at this year's annual general meeting Wednesday, Jan. 24.

Blake has been active with the Arts Council ~ Haliburton Highlands since the beginning and he told the group of members assembled at the Haliburton Highlands Museum that he was impressed with the accomplishments of the arts council and how they are working toward the betterment of the membership.

Over the last year, the arts council has been more publicly active than usual. To mark the municipality of Dysart et al's sesquicentennial, it created the DysART 150 Trail, featuring 10 artists in nine local venues plus other permanent works such as the murals on the arena. To guide visitors to the art, the PocketSights app was used with photos, descriptions and video. The tour was available from June 26 to Oct. 10 and benefited from funding from the county's tourism department and Haliburton County Development Corporation.

Fashion Fallies, a wearable art show previously held at the Art Hive, was resurrected on behalf of the arts council on Nov. 10. The sold-out event was popular and ended up bringing in $1,000 when organizers had planned to break even.

"VAAR, the Visual Artists and Artisans Roundtable, … held an event in May to create interest and provide information to the community about what a wearable art event actually was," said Erin Lynch, vice-chair of the arts council and a key organizer of Fashion Fallies. The library also held sessions where people could create work for the event.

"Besides a fashion show with over 50 entries, the event also spotlighted a number of other elements of the arts with live music, spoken word and dance," she said.

Three groups co-ordinated by the arts council also worked to support the local arts community; the previously mentioned VAAR, the Literary Arts Roundable (LAR) and the Performing Arts Roundtable (PAR) each worked to brainstorm how to better support artists.

Renee Woltz, treasurer of the arts council, gave a presentation on the Literary Arts Roundtable.

She said the first meeting of the group in September brought out a host of recommendations including a need for performance artists to read local writers' works, illustrators needed for books, affordable courses and workshops, the need for feedback and a space to work, among other things.

"One of the ideas was to have a writer in residence," Woltz said. A proposal is underway for funding to have such a program in 2018.

"Another interesting project is the idea of creating a program on Canoe FM where local performers can read the work of local writers," she said. Work on that will begin this spring.

Other ideas included a literary festival, a flash fiction contest, putting together a collection of writers' work and a creative writers' registry.

The Performing Arts Roundtable, which includes theatre, music, storytelling and others, had a couple of meetings over the last year. They've worked on what venues are available with the hope of creating a database of spaces not only for performances, but also for rehearsals.

They've also worked on a new calendar initiative. Called OurCalendar.ca, the idea is to have one central calendar for all events in Haliburton County.

"As we all know, this is a very, very busy community," said arts council chair Kate Butler. "Whenever you try to put something on, whether it's arts related or any other community event, you find there's six other things happening at the exact same time." This online calendar would allow everyone to put their events into the same space. It would then be shared with any other organizations that post events online.

"The hope is we'll be able to create one community calendar, one spot where you can feed in information and populate other calendars," she said.

Butler said if the calendar proves useful in Haliburton County, it could be offered to outside communities as a solution to what is likely a problem elsewhere. She anticipated this would happen through SPARC, which stands for Supporting Performing Arts in Rural and Remote Communites, and is another of the arts council's recent success stories.

SPARC is in its second year of a three-year project, which started in Haliburton, but is now a provincial initiative to bring together those in the performing arts to collaborate and share. "Our goal is to create an online digital network across Ontario for people in the performing arts," past chair Chris Lynd said. "Our goal is to reach the people who produce and create and are the animators in the communities … we want everybody talking and sharing ideas with each other."

The three-year project is supported through a $530,000 grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation. In the midst of the project, SPARC's co-ordinator Greg Thomas had to leave the organization when he determined that injuries from an accident prohibited him from continuing.

Lynd said the organization wished him the best.

Rebecca Ballarin has been hired to the position.

"She is doing an amazing job for us," Lynd said.

You could smell the popcorn from your seat as Rosanna Dewey's dress and accessories, called Corn Couture, was presented on this model during Fashion Fallies on Nov. 10. Fashion Fallies was a sold-out event, which raised $1,000 for the arts council./JENN WATT Staff

A second staff was hired on a part-time basis as the northern representative: Chandel Gambles.

"One of our challenges has been to reach out to truly northern organizations in the province," Lynd said.

Director Laurie O'Reilly briefed the membership on a juried art show coming up called Brush In Hand. Carole Finn has offered her gallery space in Minden for the show, which is planned for May. The jurors are being brought from outside the community and there will be a special category for emerging artists. March 26 is the entry deadline and more information is on the arts council website.

And collaboration between the arts council and the Rails End Gallery hit its stride in 2017, Laurie Jones, curator of the gallery and a director on the arts council, told the group. The Art Lovers Staycation planned for the end of February has sold out. Among the workshops offered are line dancing, flash fiction, travel journals and finger painting for adults.

A longtime program of the arts council, Artists in the Schools, continued last year. Local artists visit local elementary schools to put on workshops, introducing young people to various media and providing the artists with an honorarium. Two major donors to the program were noted: Kennisis Lake Cottage Owners Association, which holds Art on the Dock each year to raise money, and Trillium Lakelands District School Board.

The arts council is doing a survey to gauge what the community wants from its arts council. You can find it until early March on the arts council's website: www.haliburtonarts.on.ca.

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Local artist excited to teach art at the Adventure Hub

NATE SMELLE
County Life Staff

Local artist and art instructor Cheryl Ellenberger will be sharing her expertise during a full day class focused on acrylic painting on Saturday, Feb. 10. This painting is by Ellenberger and is titled Favourite Swamp.

To give art enthusiasts throughout Haliburton County and the Bancroft area an opportunity to explore their creativity, the Adventure Hub in Wilberforce has a series of art classes scheduled for 2018. As part of this series, local artist and art instructor, Cheryl Ellenberger will be sharing her expertise during a full day class focused on acrylic painting beginning at 9 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 10. Although Ellenberger studied art at Sheridan College's School of Design and Crafts in the 1970s, it was not until after graduating from the Fine Arts Program at St. Lawrence College in 2009, that she began to immerse herself in painting. Since then, the award-winning artist has sold hundreds of paintings and taught classes in fine arts at St. Lawrence College in Brockville, Loyalist College, the Art Gallery of Bancroft, Country Camera and out of her home studio in Highlands East. Acknowledging how valuable the lessons she has received from other artists have been in terms of the development of her own craft, Ellenberger said when teaching students, she likes to share what she has learned from her experience of working as an artist and art instructor. One of the most important things she has learned is to absorb the advice teachers have to offer and to never stop learning.

"I had one professor who explained and demonstrated things in such a way that a lightbulb came on for me," said Ellenberger.

"Although I have much to learn, it made the process so much less daunting. Knowledge gives an artist confidence."

In the courses she teaches, Ellenberger said she always stresses the importance of the fundamentals, while at the same time teaching the methods that have helped her to progress as an artist. Ellenberger said that taking a class like the one she is facilitating with Deep Roots Adventures at the Adventure Hub, is a good way to encourage students to grasp the basics. In time, she said it also helps them to gradually become less frustrated and therefore less likely to give up on their creations.

"The basics are so important if you want to spend less time fixing and have more successful finished works," she said.

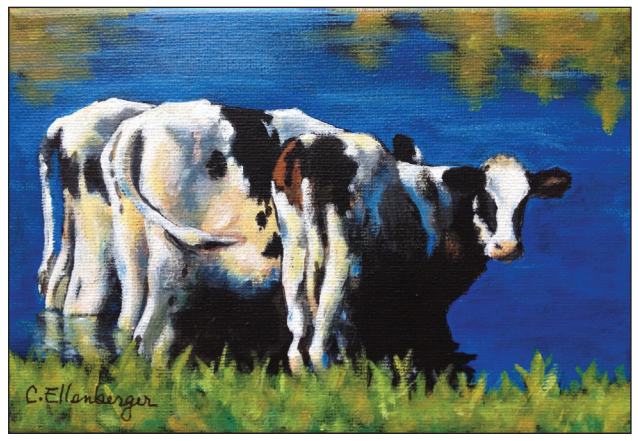
"Even if your interest is in doing abstracts or intuitive art, it is so valuable to apply the fundamentals such as how to mix the colour, colour schemes, values and black and white, as well as colour, contrast, and composition."

Ellenberger recognizes that it may be difficult for students to understand the basics at first, however, she said she makes the classes fun so that confidence gradually kicks in. When this happens, she said anything is possible. Describing art as a form of expression and interpretation, she said when students embrace the creative process the results can be both "magic and surprising" for the artist, and for those who appreciate their work.

Ellenberger understands that not everyone who signs up for one of her classes has aspirations of becoming a professional artist. She said sometimes people decide to take a class just to have a night out and go home with their own painting. Recognizing that each student's style, knowledge of art history, and level of skill and experience is unique, Ellenberger takes care in accommodating each of their needs. She said the acrylic painting class she is offering at the Adventure Hub on Feb. 10 will be flexible in all aspects. The class will focus on painting winter, snow, clouds and light through the use of colour, brush techniques – abstracted or realism, and some colour theory.

"At the 'Hub', there is something for everyone of all ages," Ellenberger said.

For more information or to register for one of the art classes visit www.deeprootsadventure.com; or call 705-448-9888. To learn more about Cheryl Ellenberger's work as an artist and art instructor visit her website at: www.reddogstudio.blogspot.ca.



Cheryl Ellenberger has sold hundreds of paintings and taught classes in fine arts at St. Lawrence College in Brockville, Loyalist College, the Art Gallery of Bancroft, Country Camera and out of her home studio in Highlands East. The painting above is by Ellenberger.

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Record attendance at cultural centre in 2017

LAURIE CARMOUNT
Special to *County Life*

LAST YEAR was the best year the Minden Hills Cultural Centre has had to date. The attendance topped 8,000 and the response from visitors was excellent. Much of this was due to the enthusiastic hard work by Ruth O'Connell at the museum with the summer students. The new events and activities at the museum added to the already successful gallery programming. Along with this, Nature's Place was popular with the every growing interactive displays and exhibits.

This year, the MHCC is continuing this momentum with another great lineup of community programming. All three sections will be offering a few new events.

The ever popular March Break Culture Day Camps will be operating again. From March 11 to March 16, this program will include art, heritage and nature activities for children 7+. Each day children will do a number of art/craft projects, activities and games. Day Camps will also be available in the summer months.

The Agnes Jamieson Gallery programming will include nine exhibitions with local and regional artists. The collection of Andre Lapine (1866-1952) work will also be on exhibit. Each exhibition has a reception where everyone is welcome to meet and talk with the artist. Often gallery staff hear from reception attendees, comments on how helpful and interesting these events are. Talking with the artist allows for one to better understand what their work is trying to convey.

This year's programming is made up of mostly young artists who are emerging in their careers. The work is generally well thought through. One can tell they greatly enjoy what they do and there is an honest, fresh approach.

In May, the Minden Hills Museum and Heritage Village will be opening on Victoria Day long weekend. Starting with traditional tea on the Saturday, the museum will then launch into more living history activities for the summer months.

The Victoria Day Saturday will also be Monarchy in Minden where the Centre will show the royal wedding on the large screen in the Common Room. Register for the hat making workshop on the Tuesday before to wear to the royal event. Sinclair Russell will be offering his expertise on how to make lovely hats.

The Sterling Bank will be exhibiting "Fashion Dictates." This exhibition will display a wide selection of late 19th century, early 20th clothing articles from the museum collection. Fashion for women was changing dramatically during this time. Some of the driving factors for this came from the suffragette movement.

Since 1918 was the year women were first granted the vote in federal elections, the museum is wanting to celebrate this 100 year anniversary by holding a suffragette day.

In Ontario, widening public debate about suffrage and women's rights produced the Toronto Women's Literary Club (TWLC), a group devoted to higher education and intellectual development as well as to the physical welfare and employment conditions of women workers. The TWLC was created in 1876–77 by Dr. Emily Howard Stowe, one of Canada's first female doctors; she and her daughter, Dr. Augusta Stowe-Gullen, spearheaded Ontario's suffrage campaign for 40 years. In 1883, TWLC became the Toronto Women's Suffrage Association, which in 1889 became the Dominion Women's Enfranchisement Association. The hope this year is to present a historically accurate meeting, in time-period costumes, to honour the women who consistently voiced and advocated for the right to vote. This will require a few meetings ahead of time and research. The thought is to have this event in late August or early September. If interested, please contact Laurie Carmount at gallery@mindenhills.ca

When spring is in the air, Nature's Place will begin to stir with new displays and interactive activities. The interpretive centre will be offering a closer look at the world of bats and amphibians. These species are rapidly declining in number and the hope is to help visitors understand why. This year visitors are also being encouraged to take the No Plastic Challenge and compete in the Ingenious Think Tank. The EcoDoc theatre will be operating daily with interesting nature themed films.

Nature's Place will also be offering more geologically based exhibits, with the installation of a 3D CGI that maps topographic formations, as well as a travelling, interactive display about minerals from the Canadian Museum of Nature.

It is a full and amazing amount of educational activities for the whole family happening at the MHCC this year. If you would like to receive more detailed information about what is happening weekly at the Centre, contact the staff at gallery@mindenhills.ca and ask to have your email added to the e-blast list. Or like and follow our Facebook page www.facebook.com/mindenculturalcentre/. You can also visit the website: www.mindenhills.ca/culture.

Laurie Carmount is the curator of the Agnes Jamieson Gallery in Minden.

Belinda Gallagher got this shot of a coyote stalking across the winterscape in Highlands East. Do you have a great photo you'd like to share? Send it to jenn@haliburtonpress.com.

Top 10 reasons not to trust groundhogs

STEVE GALEA
Humour Columnist

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5. Would you trust humans with names like Wiarton Willie, Punxsutawney Phil or even Woodchuck?
6. Two words: beady eyes.
7. Since when has any long-term forecast been correct?
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A cut above: learning new skills

JOHN JAMIESON
Special to *County Life*

Crooked knives, with a curve at the end, have been used by Indigenous craftsmen for many generations. /Photo submitted

When you go to a new town, there are only two questions to ask: where is the nearest Tim Hortons and where is the museum?

At a museum you will see "cosmetic" displays of the past. Well presented, but quite static. The air has a definite smell. After awhile a visitor's head becomes light and eyes weary. It is a valuable experience, but the brain cannot absorb too much history in a short period of time.

Stop. Is this all there is? History blasting you full force. Are we enlightened? Are we excited? The presence of a staff interpreter helps, but still something is lacking.

Of course. The "guts" of a museum are not in the public display area, they are in the backroom, in the museum lab or shop, the "heart" of the building. The staff gather material, make displays, manufacture artifacts, thrusts energy into their work and make the museum come alive. Staff have various specialties. Much of the work they do never appears on display at any one time.

Unfortunately the public never gets to see them or appreciate their skills. These technicians spend many hours learning their craft, repairing, restoring, manufacturing and perfecting new strategies for museum displays.

Not all museums have the luxury of skilled staff. But in small communities there are people with a wealth of skills that can be applied to museum development. These volunteers probably don't think of themselves as museum practitioners. Perhaps they are spinners of wool or makers of quilts or wood carvers of birds. Perhaps they meet as a group. The idea of setting up working stations at a museum for the public to visit and participate in learning might never have been considered.

In Highland Grove, a small municipal recreation room can be temporarily set up with hand tools to demonstrate museum skills. This winter, the focus will be on creating a crooked knife. These knives, with a curve at the end, have been used by Indigenous craftsmen for many generations. Unfortunately, these manufacturers only had old files as a base material, extremely difficult to work, but they had no other choice.

Contemporary knife makers often use a soft, annealed, high carbon steel. After the blade is worked with files and sandpaper, it is taken away to a kiln where it is heated and quenched in oil to harden. Sanded again, it is gently heated and tempered to a workable blade before a handle is attached. But the learning is as valuable as the final product: theory of carbon hardening, various files, polishing and buffing compounds, categories of steel, sharpening stones, and attachment material and techniques.

John Jamieson is president of the Highland Grove Heritage Society.

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UPCOMING Community Events

PARISH HOME INSPECTIONS

Want to get your event in Community Calendar? It's free! Contact Pat at classifieds@haliburtonpress.com.

Upcoming Events

Kinmount Winterfest, An Olympic Event

When: Sunday Feb. 11, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Where: Kinmount Fairgrounds
Olympic downhill dash-the fastest and best decorated cardboard toboggan wins, public skating, Olympic inspired games indoor and out, antique snowmobilers, fur traders, bonfires, horse and sleigh rides, snack bar
Start your day with our Pancake breakfast served from 8:30-11:00 at the Kinmount Community Centre

Maker Hub days with Community of Making Animator

When: Feb. 8, Feb. 22, March 1, March 22, 10:30 am to 4:30 pm
Where: Dysart Branch Maker Hub, Centre for Making at HSAD, Sticks & Stones Production and Canoe FM by call N. Marziali at the Dysart Branch Library at 705-457-2241.
HCPL is offering guidance and tools to begin that project you have in mind.
Introduction to the Maker Space tools. Noelia begins the day at the Centre for Making at HSAD but we can arrange to meet wherever required.

Haliburton: Sexual Health Clinic, Wednesday

When: Feb. 14, 10:30 am to 12:30 p.m.
The clinic provides clients with confidential access to cervical screening, low-cost birth control, pregnancy testing and sexual health teaching. Testing and treatment of sexually transmitted infections are also provided. For more information, locations or to make an appointment, call the Health Unit at 1-866-888-4577, ext. 2205.

The Canadian Federation Of University Women (CFUW)

WHEN: Thursday, Feb. 15
WHERE: Haliburton School of Art and Design, Fleming College, Great Hall
TIME: 1:30-2:30 pm. OPEN TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC. Afterward, there will be light refreshments and an opportunity to mingle with the speakers (CFUW business meeting to follow).
TOPIC: Bringing a Syrian Refugee Family to Canada
From the beginning stages of a television newscast and a call for interest, to the arrival of a refugee family, two members of the Haliburton Refugee Sponsorship Committee will share the process of bringing a family to Canada. The presentation will describe the months of planning, the on the ground work and the many people and organizations involved in this life altering experience.
WHO: Chris Lynd and Sean Pennylegion
Initiated by St. George's Anglican church, the Haliburton Refugee Sponsorship Committee was formed to raise funds to support a refugee family to come to Haliburton. Believing that the Haliburton community could do anything it put its mind to, Chris and Sean felt great pride as they chose to help the international cause and bring a family to safety.
COST: FREE. Donations to the CFUW Haliburton Highlands Bursary Fund would, however, be welcome.

Haliburton & District Lions Club Polar Bear Challenge

An event at the Haliburton Frost Festival
When: Saturday, Feb. 17
Registration at 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. & Event starts at 1 p.m.
Pledge forms available at Cranberry Cottage, Haliburton Foodland, West Guilford Shopping Centre, Todd's Independent or http://www.e-clubhouse.org/sites/haliburtonon/index.php
For more information, contact Lion Jim Frost at 705-457-4031
All proceeds to the Hospital for Sick Children's Garron Cancer Centre or the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation.

Minden Legion - Open Mic

When: Saturday, Feb. 17, 2 to 5 p.m.
Where: Minden Legion

Haliburton Legion presents Stockdale Central in the Clubroom

When: Saturday, Feb. 17, 4 to 7 p.m.
Where: Haliburton Legion, Clubroom
Cost: $5.00 cover charge for non-members
50/50 draw at 6:00 pm. Enjoy delicious meal for $6.00 by the Ladies Auxiliary

Legion Events

Branch 636, Minden

Monday – Thursday Lunch 12 to 2 p.m.
Tuesday Special liver day, regular menu also.
Friday 12 to 2 p.m. and 5 to 7 p.m., Fish, Chicken Wings, Fries and Onion Rings.
Daily events:
Monday 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Haliburton Highlands Rug Hookers. (every two weeks)
Tuesday 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Senior art group. 1:00-4:00, Bid Euchre,
Wednesday 12:00- Meat Draws, 4 butcher quality meats for $1.00 a ticket. 1 to 4 p.m., Ladies Darts, 5 to 7 p.m. Calorie Counters.
Thursday 7 p.m. Darts. 7 p.m. Euchre
Friday Every second week, Karaoke with Fred and Linda, 7:30 to 11:30 p.m.
Saturday Special Lunch every week with meat Draw at 1 p.m.
Sunday Sports Day 12 to 4:30 p.m.

Branch 624, Wilberforce

Thursday Youth league 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
Friday Pool 1:30 p.m. Everyone welcome
Wing night 6:30 - 9 p.m. Jam session 7:30 p.m.Saturday
Saturday Meat draw 2 p.m. - Early bird 3 p.m. sharp
Sunday L.A. breakfast 9 - 12 p.m.
Monday Bid Euchre 7 p.m. Beginners welcome
Wednesday Fun Darts 7:30 p.m. Everyone welcome
Winners of the Pat & Phyllis Gallen Memorial Lake Trout derby were: 1st $500, Ron Howsen, 6.138 lbs, 2nd $300, Justin Grant, 5.779 lbs, 3rd $200, Tracy Dack - 3.784 lbs.
We would like to look into getting a grant to rebuild the kitchen. Need people who would like to be a part of the process. Please contact the legion if interested. 705-448-2221.
Travelling this winter get your travel insurance through your membership.
Saturday, Feb. 10 - Valentines dance. $5 cover. Mike the D.J. 9 p.m. to close. Tickets are available at the legion.
Saturday, Feb. 17 - Ken McFarlane Lake Trout Derby. $15/person. One fish per entry. Tickets will be available at the legion or the bait shop coming soon.

Branch 129, Haliburton

Dave Allen, PRO 705-457-2571
Mondays: Bridge every Monday at 1p.m.
Tuesdays: Tuesday Night Dart League starting at 7p.m.
Wednesdays: Bid Euchre 1 p.m. start
Bingo Doors open at 6 p.m. Bingo starts at 7 p.m. - $500 Jackpot, $1000 Jackpot - last Wednesday of the month.
Thursdays: General Meeting third Thursday of the month starting at 7 p.m. All members urged to attend. Ladies Auxiliary last Thursday of the month at 1 p.m.
Fridays: Cribbage 1 p.m. start,
Meat Draw Five Draws, Five Prizes each draw, First draw at 4:30 p.m., last draw - 6:30 p.m.
Tickets are $2 per draw.
Chester Howse, MC
Friday fun darts - 4:30 p.m. onwards
Saturdays: 50/50 Draw 4 p.m. draw, Tickets are $1 each from noon onwards
Sundays: Breakfast Second and fourth Sunday of themonth–9:30a.m.–1p.m.$6perperson.Occasional volunteers are needed.
Live entertainment featuring Stockdale Central Saturday Feb. 17 4 to 7 p.m. in the Club Room. Enjoy a delicious meal for only $6 prepared by the Ladies Auxiliary. $5 cover charge for non members.
Whether you're planning a function for 10 or 200, for more information call the Legion today at **(705) 457- 2571**, email **rcl129@bellnet.ca** or visit **haliburtonlegion.com** Come on out and support Haliburton Legion Branch 129, everyone is welcome!

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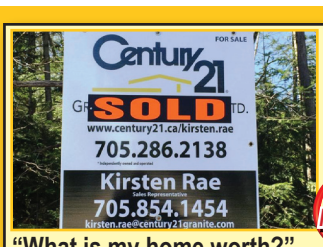

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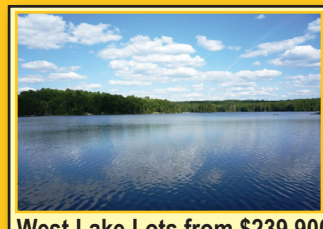
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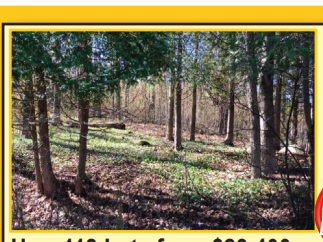

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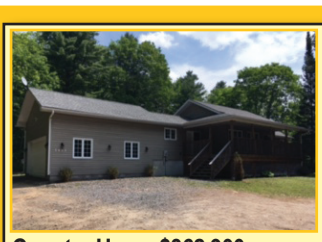

Greg Stamp*
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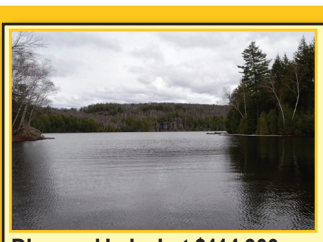
Country Home $362,900

- Large home on private 2.26 acre county lot
- 3 bedrooms, 4 baths, large rec room
- Attached double car garage on yr. round rd.



Elizabeth Thompson*
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Diamond Lake Lot $114,900

- Lovely lot on a deep, clean lake
- Off a year round road with driveway Installed
- Site has been cleared, 15 mins to Bancroft

Melanie Vigrass*
286-2138 x 32

Minden Lot $99,000

- Just North of Minden
- 3.5 Acre Lot, 778' Road Frontage
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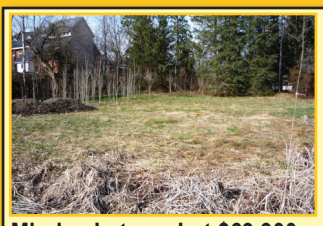

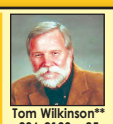

Tom Wilkinson**
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Minden In town Lot $69,900

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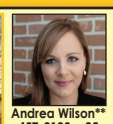
- In the Town of Minden, Services at the lot line
- Great opportunity for a large in town lot!



Andrea Wilson**
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In Town Commercial $299,000

- Clean & tidy 3000 Sq. Ft. building with many options
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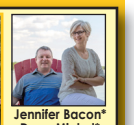

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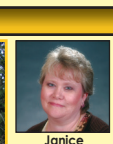

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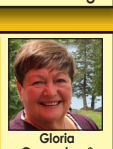

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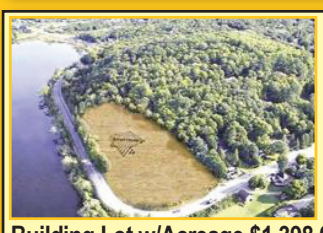

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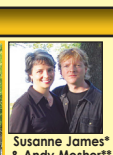

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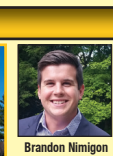

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Haliburton to host Storm the Trent for the first time

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County Life Staff

Haliburton will be hosting Storm the Trent for the first time in the adventure race's 17 year history.

Seven hundred competitors are expected to descend upon Haliburton to compete in the multi-sport event during the May 26-27 weekend.

People of all ages, from beginners to the elite competitors and everyone in between will have a chance to paddle kayaks and canoes across the lake, pedal their mountain bikes up and over formations of the Canadian Shield under a canopy of mixed forests and hike along meandering trails to complete courses.

Young competitors run together during a Storm the Trent event. Haliburton will be hosting this spring.

Storm the Trent founder and race director Sean Roper said Haliburton ticked all the necessary boxes of an ideal venue for the competition.

"The key features that we look for in this race largely is to be close to a body of water, have a good size venue that can accommodate up to 300 or 400 people a day like a hockey arena, which of course you have, and proximity to trail systems, which Haliburton has in spades," he said.

In the past, the event had been held throughout the City of Kawartha Lakes including Warsaw, Tweed and in the Rice Lake area.

This is the first time in close to a decade the event has used a new venue. Coming here is exciting for Roper and his team.

"We're exploring new terrain and being in a new community is always exciting. We're pretty pumped about it," he said.

Haliburton offers a greater number of connected bodies of water than in previous locations, reducing portaging, and the rolling terrain adds a higher degree of challenge. Around the village of Haliburton there are trails such as Glebe Park and Rail Trail, which are suitable for his event, he said.

Competitors can compete on their own, in pairs, or in teams of four, including a new family category with two or four with racers aged 13 and under. Competitors will paddle, mountain bike and trek or hike, using navigational skills to complete their respective courses.

Volunteers, who will be given a T-shirt and a lunch, are welcome, Roper said.

Storm the Trent competitors paddle during a previous year's race. Haliburton will be hosting the multi-discipline adventure race, the Storm the Trent, for the first time in its 17-year history during the May 26-27 weekend. /Photos courtesy of Storm the Trent

Head Lake Park will be the staging area and serve as the primary transition area while the A.J. LaRue Arena will be the home base.

Roper said there will not be any road closures.

He is the founder and organizer of the RockstAR adventure race, which has been held annually in the summer for several years at Bark Lake outside of Gooderham. Roper first came to the Highlands to compete in the Frontier Adventure Challenge close to 15 years ago at Bark Lake.

Thus far, he said, early response has been great, owed to the beauty of Haliburton and its proximity to amenities and accommodations.

There has been "almost as many if not the most respondents to our early entry cutoff, which was Jan. 1, as we've ever had in our 17 year history. There's definitely been interest in hosting this in this region. We'll see how this plays out in terms of total numbers on race day," he said.

With the vast options for race courses, the only thing left to know is if final numbers prove to be strong enough for a return.

Haliburton has the potential for Storm the Trent to conceivably have years of course possibilities.

"We always want to make the race a bit different every year with a new course design. We're always exploring new territory. That opportunity is definitely available in Haliburton," he said.

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BLUE

Veins of blue shadow bruising the Snow, crisscrossing the path where I stand,
the shadow of my hand stroking the Snow,
where a squirrel foraged, a moment ago, its tail swishing in the Air,
its body submerged beneath the Snow.
I watched it resurface, the blur of its fur streaking up the spine of a tree,
toward a nest wedged between its spindliest branches.
I watch the top of the squirrel's tail appear then disappear,
wondering whether it's feasting alone or sharing the scraps it plucked from the snow.
I follow the fingers of shadow toward the river,
Winter stilling its current to a whisper, water dark as the bark of willows drooping on its bank.
I crouch at the river's edge, wondering whether it ever grows tired of flowing,
craves rest like the squirrel curled in its nest.
I glimpse up at the eggshell of Moon, fading in morning Sky,
wondering whether it ever grows tired of glowing,
hurling its light across the world each night,
while trees and earth sleep, cloaked by Snow.
I walk along the river, my limbs heavy as lead,
the blankness of Air blotting my Breath, as I heave my way up the hill,
toward the spot where I used to lay last summer and read,
beneath a maple tree and brought me respite, gave me shade,
its green fur replaced by a coat of Snow, its branches frozen like lightning bolts,
no longer canopying me from Sun and Rain.
I plod through the Snow toward the tree, slap its truck Hello,
gawk up at all the nests squirrels and birds built in its branches,
wondering whether this giant maple ever grows tired of growing,
adapting to each season as it withers then thrives.
I rest my spine along its trunk, just listen to the silence sprawling all around me,
blue shadows lengthening in the Snow, crawling up the trunks of other trees,
my hand reaching up to stroke the nests
that cradle the waning light.

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My top reads of 2017

BESSIE SULLIVAN
BESSIE'S BOOKS

I USE THE online booklover's site, Goodreads to organize my reading. It allows you to set yearly reading goals, keep track of what you have read, and rate your books in a five star rating system. For me, 2017 was a good reading year. I managed to read 98 books—two short of my goal. My top reads of the year are easy to identify by searching for my five star books in Goodreads. There were probably a handful of books that I gave five stars to last year but the following three by Canadian authors stood out.

Heather O'Neill is one of my favourite writers and her newest offering, *The Lonely Hearts Hotel* does not disappoint. Set in Montreal and featuring the usual downtrodden main characters, her stories are always quirky and gritty. This story is described as "the tale of charismatic pianos, invisible dance partners, radicalized chorus girls, drug-addicted musicians, brooding clowns, and an underworld whose fortune hinges on the price of a kiss." If you haven't read her before, it might be advisable to get a taste of Heather O'Neill by first reading her short stories, *Daydreams of Angels* which was shortlisted for the Giller Prize in 2015.

Ami McKay writes novels about women's history. Her debut novel called the *Birth House* was about a midwife in Nova Scotia in the early 1900s. T*he Witches of New York* was published in 2016. Three young women come together in New York City with various skills and gifts, including some medical knowledge. The services they offer can be construed as anything from medicine to sorcery and even though it is 1880 and 200 years after the witch trials in Salem, not everyone is comfortable with what they have to offer. This book is a page turner with lots of colourful characters and plenty of action.

Claire Cameron's first novel, *The Bear* was written from the perspective of a child after her parents are mauled to death by a bear. I could not get through the book. But it did teach me a lesson, don't give up on a writer even if you don't like the first thing they write. *The Last Neanderthal* is fantastic. It tells the parallel stories of Girl, the last Neanderthal on earth and Rosamund, the archeologist who discovers her bones 40,000 years later. The Neanderthals have a different appearance than us, they think differently than us, and are a lot less verbal than we are; but you learn that both women have some very similar feelings and experiences despite all the years separating them. One sentence from a book review really sums it up for me. "The Last Neanderthal asks us to reconsider all we've ever thought about what it means to be human."

These three examples of Canadian literature that are varied and interesting, they tell great stories and also have something to teach us. I'm hoping that 2018 is as good when it comes to being entertained by a great story and sound research.

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New part-time medical clinic to open in Wilberforce

Shannon Mintz (left) and Chris Youngdale were suitable evil villains in an RHOES production of "Babes in Toyland," staged at the school library last week. A busload of spectators from the Victoria Street School enjoyed the play.

by MARTIN BIEFER
Echo Editor

The long-awaited medical clinic for Wilberforce is no longer just a dream, and medical staffers will be travelling into the hamlet this spring to operate a part-time clinic.

Monmouth councillor Alan Revill told the **Echo** Monday that the Haliburton Family Medical Clinic (run by Doctors Blair Pierce, Karl Hartwick and Bob Heyes) will operate a clinic in the hamlet for three half-days each week.

Dr Blair Pierce, reached Monday night, said he and his fellow practitioners were "very pleased" to be able to open the clinic in Wilberforce. The doctors have agreed to operate the clinic for one full year. After that, hours will either be increased or decreased "depending on what sort of need (for medical practitioners) is demonstrated," he said.

Setting up a clinic

Revill said the township hopes to have a building for the doctors as soon as possible -- hopefully in April.

doctors will help Monmouth by providing "technical advice...and the information they need for purchasing equipment."

He added that Dr Hartwick, Dr Heyes and himself are "familiar with setting up clinics."

The council has been trying for several years to find a doctor willing to set up a full-time practice in the village.

Over a year ago, said Revill, the area was designated "doctor-poor" by a ministry of health survey. Discussion with local medical doctors indicated there might be several problems, he added.

- a full-time doctor might be isolated, and would not have close ties with any hospital
- it would be difficult for a doctor to arrange for another to fill in for him during holidays
- there was a question of whether or not there would be enough work to keep a full-time doctor busy -- although patients from Highland Grove, Harcourt and Gooderham would find a Wilberforce clinic handy.

Doctors Blair Pierce, Karl Hartwick, and Bob Heyes will man centre

The building the township has in mind is a former dairy located at the south end of Wilberforce. The building is owned by Ken Sanderson, who has said he will sell at a price "below market level...as part of his contribution towards seeing a medical practice established in Wilberforce," explained the councillor.

Revill said the asking price could not be revealed at this time, but estimated taxpayers would face an average increase of "$10 per household" over the next three years to pay for the structure.

The old Red Cross Outpost, located in the centre of the hamlet and already municipally-owned, was rejected because of "the cost of renovation and the prohibitive size of the building," said Revill.

Besides the capital expenditure for the building, there will be few costs borne by Monmouth ratepayers. Renovation and labor will be paid by provincial grants, and material costs should be "relatively small," said Revill.

Aiming for a full-time medical practice

Monmouth council wants to see a full-time medical practice in Wilberforce, and for that reason the township intends "to lease the bulk of the (medical equipment) with an option to purchase" that could be staggered over several years. Buying used equipment is another option, said Revill.

Dr Pierce said he and his fellow

Nurse practitioner

An ingenious solution has been proposed by the doctors of the Haliburton Family Medical Clinic.

"We're very excited about the concept of a nurse-practitioner," said Dr Pierce. A nurse-practitioner "is a registered nurse who has had training beyond the norm, and is able to assess patients and come to a diagnosis...and even initiate treatment," he said.

The nurse-practitioner could assess the needs of patients, giving priority to who should be seen first. A full-time nurse-practioner "would provide more continuity" to the three-day-a-week clinic, he said.

Although the ministry "has not been formally approached" some preliminary inquiries have been made, said Dr Pierce. The idea "might have some universal application" for communities in the same boat -- population wise -- as Wilberforce, he said.

The doctors have no intention of opening a pharmacy in the hamlet.

They would be able, however, to dispense drugs brought with them from pharmacies in Haliburton or Bancroft, he said.

The tentative days of operation of the clinic are Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.

Alan Revill was very pleased. In Wilberforce and Monmouth as a whole "we tend to be very active," he said. "We try to do well."

Mini-fair plan may be premature: Pergolas

AHM deputy-reeve favors concept, but not the way in which the plan funding was obtained

Deputy-reeve Ed Pergolas of Anson, Hindon and Minden thinks the funding for the proposed "Mini Fair 83" program should not be coming directly out of the AHM's general revenues.

Pergolas stressed that he was not against the "Mini Fair" concept itself -- but wondered aloud whether the plan should have been launched now, without the benefit of any provincial or federal funding.

"What we're doing is setting up another part of the budget...funding for (the "Mini Fair") is not coming out of any special budget," he explained. Plans for the program should not have been finalized (Pergolas noted that Councillor Gary Kenney is ready to hire his people) until alternate funding was sought, added the deputy-reeve.

Ready and willing

Pergolas said that he had seconded a motion to spend money on the "Mini Fair" because he had assumed that the municipality "was going to be getting the money from NEED" or some other program.

Councillor Kenney said that he had had no intention of confusing council, and said the resolution to spend the money had stated clearly that municipal funds would be used.

"My understanding is that the municipality is investing $14,700," he said. The Mini Fair will bring monetary and aesthetic returns to the village of Minden, added Kenney. As well, he said, the expenditure would provide moral support for Minden's BIA group, by "matching" their $14,700 with a municipal program of the same value.

Kenney, the designer of the wooden pavillions, said the project may require only "one or two employees." He designed the structures free of charge, and said a qualified "carpenter / layout person" could assemble the structures with the help of an assistant.

"It's not the workers, it's the material that will cost the most," said Pergolas.

In all three modular pavillions, capable of being used in a variety of combinations, will be built. Kenney distributed a pamphlet to council outlining the specifics of the program.

"The idea of our Mini-Fair is simple. We want our merchants to prosper, we want our crafts-people to be appreciated, and most of all we want our visitors to enjoy their stay in our municipality," begins the pamphlet.

- on June 4, 1983 12 craft/ produce displays will be in operation in the Minden municipal parking lot. The cost of renting space will be channelled back into AHM's municipal improvement fund, advises the pamphlet
- street fairs will take place in June and August on designated weekends. The buildings will be reassembled on Minden's main street, and there will be "displays, sales, activities and even dances to fill your hours," states the pamphlet

Kenney explained that consultation with merchants had indicated that July was simply too busy a time in the village for the street fair to be held.

Interestingly Don Wolfraim, who wrote a letter to the editor of **The Times** of Minden criticizing the proposal (Wolfraim said money and time would be better spent "filling the bottomless potholes in our miserable roads") has joined the municipality's advertising and promotions committee -- to, according to Kenney, provide "advice and reaction that would be valuable for special events, new by-laws, press releases, and general public reactions."

Wolfraim's criticism of the Mini-Fair proposal as introduced last year helped the new plan become more acceptable to merchants, said Kenney.

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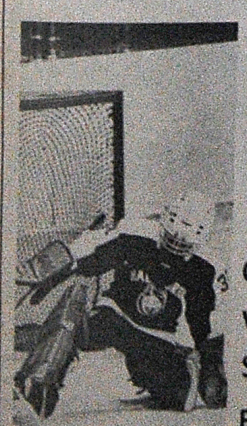

Two excellent performances by local hockey teams highlighted the week in sports. Our Haliburton OMHA Peewees were the big winners in a Minden tournament, blanking Cookstown in the "A" championship game by a 4-0 count. Over in Wilberforce, our industrial league all-star team made it all the way tot the "A" finals, but lost a tough one to a team from Beaverton. For complete scores, statistics and pictures please turn to pages six, seven, eight and nine.

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AHM reaches agreement with two Ontario ministries

It appears that the council of Anson, Hindon and Minden has resolved its differences with the ministries of natural resources (MNR) and municipal affairs and housing (MMAH) -- and work on an official plan for the municipality will begin immediately.

According to deputy-reeve Ed Pergolas the agreement is "the most important thing (that has occurred) in the last three years of municipal council."

The long awaited Ontario Municipal Board hearing between the municipality and the two ministries will now not be held, and fears concerning the future development of hazard land in Minden appear to be resolved.

The solution which led to this remarkable turn of events was a municipal request for "special status" for the village of Minden.

A long haul

The history behind last Wednesday night's agreement goes back to 1982, explained Pergolas.

At that time the municipality decided to update its old zoning by-law -- and hoped to replace it with a new, comprehensive zoning by-law. That comprehensive by-law (82-11) would pave the way for an official plan for the municipality, once it was approved by the public and the government.

Council managed to deal with objections from ratepayers, but faced objections from two provincial ministries.

The MMAH raised the question of seasonal residency and its place in municipal zoning. The MNR said that the municipality was not dealing with the question of hazard lands (lands contained in a flood plain) in the village of Minden.

Last Wednesday, said Pergolas, changes in the type of zoning (R4 and R5 were dropped) were proposed and tentatively accepted by MMAH.

To show the municipality's willingness to deal with hazard lands, AHM proposed obtaining "special status" for the village.

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New channels, Pay-TV possible in Haliburton

If all goes according to plan five new channels may be available to Haliburton and Minden cablevision subscribers.

Bob Bishop of CATV said Monday that the additional channels could be brought in by satellite -- if the Canadian Radio, Television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) allows a northern satellite company to carry American channels.

The decision is expected at any time, said Bishop. "We were told it would be made at the end of November, then at the end of December, and now at the end of the month," he explained.

Canadian Satellite Communication Incorporated, or Cancom, wants to beam NBC, CBS, ABC and PBS signals from Detroit to cable companies that now cannot receive US signals. An added bonus for Toronto Maple Leaf fans would be the addition of CHCH Hamilton to CATV's selection.

Since CATV, which serves Haliburton and Minden, has 20-channel capacity, the new channels could easily be accomodated.

"The US channels are out of Detroit -- and would be in the same time zone as we are," said Bishop. As well the large region served by Detroit would mean "sophisticated programming." PBS, for example, offers commercial-free quality programs, he said.

One of the biggest plusses for the new channels would be their delivery by satellite. Images would be "crystal clear," he said.

Pay-TV a possibility

Getting a satellite receiving dish and de-scramblers in place would require a cash outlay of about $50,000, said Bishop. To offset the costs, viewers would be asked to pay $10 more a month for their expanded programming. Bishop said he's received positive feedback from the

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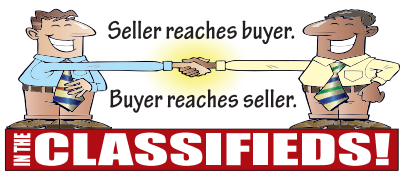

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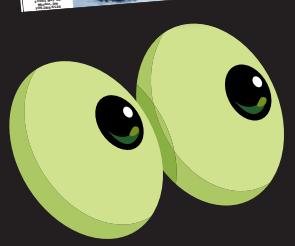

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